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Security Alert *WannaCrypt!*

05/15/2016--WannaCry (or WannaCrypt,[3] WanaCrypt0r 2.0,[4][5] Wanna Decryptor[6]) is a ransomware program targeting the Microsoft Windows operating system. On Friday, 12 May 2017, a large cyber-attack using it was launched, infecting more than 230,000 computers in 150 countries, demanding ransom payments in the cryptocurrency bitcoin in 28 languages.[7] The attack has been described by Europol as unprecedented in scale. While there have been news reports of security teams discovering a "kill switch" to stop this virus, we have already seen a modified version of the same virus without the kill switch. Thus, a second wave of wannacrypt is expected to sweep across North America.

As with other Crypto/Ransomware viruses, the primary attack vector today is via an email attachments and links. During these events data is encrypted and a demand for ransom is made to decrypt. IT Right recommends:

- Be extra careful opening emails & attachments.
 - DO NOT open emails or attachments when you don't recognize the sender
 - DO NOT enable macro's if prompted.
- Save all attachments first and before opening, right click and scan for viruses.
- Change your network password
 - Use complex passwords including numbers and/or special characters like ~!@#\$\$%^&* _-+=`\|(){}[];:"'<>,.?/

Service Contract customers should know that to combat these threats IT Right will be tightening security. Please email comments or questions to support@itright.com.



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